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In re Application of:

Rouffignac, et al.

Serial No.:

09/841,299

Filed:

April 24, 2001

For:

IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING

OF A HYDROCARBON

CONTAINING FORMATION TO INCREASE A POROSITY OF THE

FORMATION

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Group Art Unit:

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, MAILED JUNE 25, 2001

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ATTN: Box Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant encloses the following in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted:

- (1) Copy of Form PTO-1533, Notice to File Missing Parts Filing Date Granted (1 page);
- (2) Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page);
- (3) Originally executed Assignment (3 pages);
- (4) Originally executed Declaration (4 pages);
- (5) Preliminary Amendment (51 pages);
- (6) Marked Up Version of Amendments (42 pages);
- (7) Marked Up Version of Amendments to Claims (1 page);

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(8) Clean Version of Title Page (1 page);

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(10) Fee Authorization in the amount of \$1,350.00 to cover the filing fee for a small

entity as follows (2 pages):

\$ 710.00 -- basic filing fee;

\$ 360.00 -- surcharge for excess claims;

\$ 130.00 -- surcharge for late filing of declaration and fee;

\$ 40.00 -- assignment recordation fee;

\$ 110.00 – one month extension of time fee; and

(11) A return postcard.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the formalities letter mailed June 25, 2001. A fee authorization that includes \$110.00 for the one-month extension of time fee is enclosed.

If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon P.c. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-02500.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Shell Oil Co. Deposit Account Number 19-1800:

- \$ 710.00 Basic Filing Fees;
- \$ 360.00 Excess Claims Fees;
- \$ 130.00 Surcharge for late filing of declaration and fee;
- \$ 40.00 Assignment Recordation Fee; and
- \$ 110.00 one month extension of time fee;

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The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees which may be necessary to the same account number. If the above mentioned account is found to have insufficient funds, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Conley Rose & Tayon P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-02500/EBM.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

 Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$110190.
 - \$96750 for 5375 total claims over 20.
 - \$13440 for 168 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

• The balance due by applicant is \$ 111030. 10/11/2001 TV0111 00000001 191800 09841299

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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